



FALL RIVER FLASHES

October 2026

Committed to safely and economically provide reliable energy and other services which bring value to its membership.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO VOTE!

Fall River Electric Cooperative thanks our members who participated in the recent vote on a proposed amendment to Article XI of the Co-op's Bylaws. Members voted overwhelmingly in favor of the amendment by a 95% margin, which concerns the disposition of substantial property and the addition of clear limitations and safeguards on the consolidation or merger of the Cooperative with another cooperative, requiring an affirmative vote of at least 75% of the members voting.

The Co-op has filed a petition for judicial relief, seeking court approval and confirmation of the amendment. A hearing is scheduled to be conducted via Zoom on November 24, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. MST before the Fremont County, Idaho, court. Members wishing to participate may do so by logging into Zoom and using the following:
Meeting ID: 944 1988 3482
Passcode: 960948

NEW RATE FOR EV FAST CHARGERS



Fall River Electric Cooperative is updating the rate charged at electric vehicle fast-charging stations to 70 cents per kilowatt hour, based on the findings of the

Co-op's most recent Cost of Service Analysis.

The new rate is designed to more accurately reflect the cost of providing fast-charging service. Just as important, it helps ensure that the cost of operating and providing these chargers is paid by those who use them, rather than being subsidized by other Fall River Electric owner-members.

As a member-owned cooperative, Fall River Electric remains committed to establishing rates that are fair, responsible, and based on the cost of providing service.

Member Appreciation: A Resounding Success

Fall River Electric held a Member Appreciation event in West Yellowstone on Friday, September 11 with more than three hundred members in attendance!

Members received a FREE Thermo Cube electric outlet, a FREE backpack, and FREE lunch! The event took place on a beautiful late summer day. Fall River Electric would like to express our sincere thanks to those who were able to attend.



Local Voices Shape Solutions

October is National Co-op Month

By Abby Berry, NRECA

When you hear the word cooperative, what comes to mind? As your local electric co-op, we hope you think of Fall River Electric. Regardless of the services offered, all cooperatives have one thing in common: They are led by the people they serve—and that simple idea makes a meaningful difference.

Cooperatives come in all shapes and sizes and each exist to meet a specific need. Credit unions help members save and borrow money. Producer cooperatives, like Ocean Spray and Land O'Lakes, help farmers bring their products to market. Retail cooperatives, like REI and ACE Hardware, are owned by their shoppers or a membership of store owners. And utility cooperatives—like Fall River Electric—provide reliable electricity to the communities they serve.

Unlike many businesses that answer to outside investors or shareholders, cooperatives are built for their owner-members. Their goal is not to earn a profit—it is to provide value, meet unique local needs, and strengthen the communities they call home. That is exactly what makes Fall River Electric different.

Our story began in 1938 when Ashton area farmers came together to bring electricity to their farms and ranches after a Utah-based, investor-owned utility would not. While a lot has changed since then, our purpose has remained steady. We are still here to provide



power and make decisions with our members' best interests in mind.

The co-op difference can be seen in the little things. It is the linemen restoring power after a storm. The employees answering your questions when you call. Our staff members volunteering at community events. The board members—your neighbors—helping guide decisions for the future. We are your neighbor and local energy partner, and we are committed to serving the communities in our service area for generations to come.

October is National Co-op Month, and we invite you to join us in celebrating the cooperative difference, because this co-op belongs to you. Your membership is what makes our mission possible—and it is what keeps us focused on serving the people and communities that matter most.

Abby Berry writes on consumer and cooperative affairs for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, the national trade association representing more than 900 local electric co-operatives serving 42 million Americans across 56% of the nation's landscape.



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Keep up to date, including on power outage information, by "liking" Fall River Electric on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fallriverrec.

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Propane Prices Capped For Winter

Starting next month (November), Fall River Propane is capping the price of propane all winter long*. That's right, no increase in your propane per gallon price all winter with Fall River Propane's CAP Program.



As a CAP customer, Fall River Propane will monitor the level of propane in your tank and deliver just when you need it. Plus, if the current price of propane is lower than the CAP price at the time of your delivery, you will get the lower price! But hurry, CAP sign-up ends October 31, 2026. Call 855.999.9193 to enroll.

*CAP pricing in effect from November 1, 2026, through April 30, 2027.

Local Students Attend Youth Rally

Congratulations to these five local students for earning a spot to Fall River Electric's 2026 Youth Rally event!

Five students enjoyed an all-expense paid trip to the Boise area this summer where they joined nearly one hundred other high school students from the Pacific Northwest at the Idaho Consumer-Owned Utilities Association's Youth Rally. Each of these students earned a \$500 scholarship from Fall River Electric. Talmage Pike also earned an additional ICUA scholarship and was selected to be the 2027 returning director for Fall River.



Pictured in front of the Idaho Capital building (left to right): Trey Behrens, Jaidyn Scollick, Taihtum Jolley, Maddy Washburn, and Talmage Pike.

Election Day Is Just Around the Corner: Vote November 3



Public policy on a national AND state level impacts your co-op's ability to provide safe, reliable, and affordable power. Voting with co-op policy issues in mind will help ensure continued access to reliable electricity and smart energy solutions. The co-op voice is powerful, and it starts with you! Get engaged and be a Co-op Voter! Visit vote.coop to learn how to have your voting questions answered.

Polls on November 3 will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. in Idaho; 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. in Montana; and 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Wyoming. Remember: Daylight saving time ends the Sunday prior to election day. **Please plan to vote!**

Refresh Your Cybersecurity Habits This Fall

October is National Cybersecurity Awareness Month, but protecting your personal information is something that deserves attention all year long. With AI helping scammers create more convincing communications, simply looking for spelling mistakes or other obvious warning signs may no longer be enough. And these scams are not a small problem.

According to the Federal Trade Commission, consumers reported losing \$3.5 billion to imposter scams in 2025, making these types of scams the most commonly reported fraud. Nearly one in three fraud reports involved an imposter scam.

So, what should you do if you receive an unexpected message claiming to be from Fall River Electric?

If a message creates a sense of urgency or threatens immediate disconnection, take a moment to verify it. Do not click the link or call the phone number provided in the message.

Instead, contact Fall River Electric Cooperative directly using our trusted methods. You can reach us by phone at 800.632.5726 or by email at member.services@fallriverelectric.com.

You can help by protecting your own account, slowing down when something seems urgent, and contacting us directly when you are unsure.

